

Mississippi Baptists' 1974 Statistics Show Increases

Statistics for Mississippi Baptists showed gains in 13 of 15 categories for 1974.

Total membership for the Mississippi Baptist Convention churches showed an increase to 580,892 for 1974, which was 10,248 more than the 1973 figure. The resident membership was up 6,426 to 420,884.

Declines were registered only in the number of churches and in baptisms.

The figures were released by

the Research Services Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board in Nashville, Tenn.

Total mission expenditures showed the greatest percentage increase. The 1974 total was \$10,554,085, which was 17 per cent greater than the 1973 figure of \$8,990,370. Total receipts also showed a sizeable increase. The \$65,970,425 figure for 1974 was 14 per cent more than the 1973 amount of \$57,842,448.

Total gifts showed a 13 per cent

increase from \$54,786,961 in 1973 to \$61,945,880 in 1974.

Property value was up 12 per cent. The 1974 figure was \$24,247,801 as compared with \$217,524,324 for 1973.

Other increases were less spectacular but nonetheless significant because of already substantial figures.

The gain in church music enrollment was the next largest at 5.1 per cent. This indicated an increase from 71,042 in 1973 to 74,

686 in 1974. The gain in enrollment in Womans Missionary Union followed at 4.1 per cent. This reflects an increase from 1974 to 49,429 over the 1973 enrollment of 47,450.

The men were not far behind as Brotherhood enrollment increased by 3.8 per cent. The 1974 figure was 21,772, and the 1973 enrollment was 21,073.

Church Training enrollment increased by 2.2 per cent as it climbed from 125,414 in 1973 to 128,213 in 1974.

The next largest percentage increase was the total church membership figure, which was a gain of 1.8 per cent. Just a little behind that was the resident climb of 1.5 per cent.

Sunday School enrollment increased 1.1 per cent as it rose from 318,612 in 1973 to 319,987 in 1974. Also showing a 1.1 per cent increase was additions by letter, which was 25,756 in 1974 and 25,470 in 1973.

The Vacation Bible School en-

rollment figure, already large for 1973 at 142,000, increased by 29 per cent to 148,411 for 1974.

The decrease in the number of churches was slight at .42 per cent. This reflected a loss of 8 churches from the 1,869 in 1973 to the 1,861 in 1974. The decrease in baptisms was from 18,261 in 1974 to 18,074 in 1974 for a decline of 9.08 per cent.

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New Organization

Home Mission Board Ups Evangelism To Section, Requests New Program

TULSA, Okla. (BP) — Responding to the Southern Baptist Convention's request for a bolder profile for evangelism in convention life, directors of the SBC's Home Mission Board voted here to raise

the division of evangelism a notch on the board's organizational ladder.

The new alignment makes the evangelism director accountable directly to the board's executive director and places him on the staff's executive council.

The directors also voted to request the Southern Baptist Convention to add two new programs — personal evangelism and mass evangelism — to the 12, including evangelism development, now assigned to the board. (The 11 others are chaplaincy, church loans,

church extension, associational administration service, pioneer missions, rural-urban missions, metropolitan missions, language missions, cooperative ministries with National Baptists, Christian social ministries, and interfaith witness.)

The two new programs, board leaders say, will provide additional thrust to the evangelistic emphasis which has made the SBC one of the nation's growing denominations. Last year more than 410,000 baptisms were reported—the fourth year in succession the total has exceeded 400,000.

Request for the two new programs and elevation of the division of evangelism to a new "evangelism section" came in response to action at the annual meeting of the SBC in Dallas last June.

The SBC Executive Committee's study Committee of 15 previously had pointed to the need for "a bolder profile" for evangelism in Southern Baptist life, while expressing the view that the evangelism program should stay with the Home Mission Board.

The motion was tabled to give the Home Mission Board directors, whose administrative committee already had appointed a sub-committee to study the issue, time to consider elevating evan-

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Long-Range Plan

Seminar Set In

Jackson April 7-10

NASHVILLE—A "Church Long-Range Planning Seminar" will be held April 7-10 in Jackson, Miss., according to Howard B. Foshee, secretary of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board's church administration department.

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Christian Life Seminar

Ervin Declares U. S. Must Heed Watergate Lesson Or Face Peril

LOUISVILLE (BP) — Former U. S. Senator Sam Ervin of North Carolina, who presided over the nation-shaking Watergate hearings, declared "that America will imperil her existence as a free society if she ever forgets the tragic truth Watergate teaches in respect to the need for integrity in the political process.

"Coward compels the confession, however, that law alone will not suffice to prevent future Watergates," said Ervin, echoing a recurring seminar theme of the necessity for internal motivation.

Integrity in race relations, economics, family relationships, preaching, the mass media and the political process came under the probing scrutiny of a battery of speakers here during the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission's three-day seminar on integrity.

The publisher of the Nashville Tennessee, John L. Seigenthaler, struck hard at corporation executives who "stepped in to buy" the government, which, he said, "had a For Sale sign on it."

Spiritual Sickness

"I perceive a spiritual sickness in the corporate establishment that afflicts its leadership and endangers the most basic and sacred precepts which have built this free, open and heretofore healthy

society," said Seigenthaler. Citing corporations by name whom he said bought political clout from the Nixon administration, Seigenthaler noted that activities in corporate board rooms are known because of the dedication of some in government such as Sam Ervin.

"These people, Seigenthaler said, acted "to take the For Sale sign off the front gate of 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue."

Race Relations

Walter Fauntroy, black U. S. congressman from the District of Columbia and Baptist pastor, examining integrity in race relations, said race relations problems result because "we still hate one another because we fear one another."

"We fear one another because we do not understand one another. And we do not understand one another because while we have mastered communications of time and space, we have not yet mastered communications of race," Fauntroy said.

The racial disturbance in Boston "was not brought about by a yellow school bus but by black us," he charged.

"The shocking and appalling reaction of some Boston citizens to the busing of black children is a disquieting reminder that integrity

in race relations is banned in Boston.

"The Boston busing situation is a living laboratory where the germs of distrust, fear, hatred, and misunderstanding have infected the cradle of American democracy."

David and Vera Mace, well known husband-wife team of family relationship and marriage experts, noted: "If you can't make

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Russell McIntire Is Vice-President N. O. Seminary

NEW ORLEANS — Dr. Russell M. McIntire, director of development at New Orleans Seminary, was named vice-president of development by the board of trustees during their annual meeting here March 11-13.

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10,000 Musicians Unveil Hymnal

NASHVILLE (BP)—The final notes of "Praising 75" brought to an end possibly the most diversified singing event in the history of Southern Baptist music.

Music lovers from 47 states,

Canada, Brazil and Japan gathered here 10,000 strong to celebrate the unveiling of the new "Baptist Hymnal" which is the

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Sunday School Considers New Enrollment Plan To Add Members

NASHVILLE — A new Sunday School enrollment — evangelism plan "that may be the best idea ever for Sunday School growth" is under immediate consideration by the Sunday School department at the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, according to A. V.

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Dr. Swor, Bonnie Barrows On Program

Easter Sunrise Service

Dr. Chester E. Swor, well known Jackson religious leader, author and counselor, will be the featured speaker at the annual Jackson Jaycee Easter Sunrise Service to be held at Memorial Stadium.

James Carr, Jaycee Easter Service Chairman, said the program, to begin at 7:00 a.m. on Sunday, March 30, would be open to the public and everyone is invited to attend.



Miss Barrows Dr. Swor

Other program highlights will include a vocal solo by Miss Tina Louise Thomas, "Miss Pennsylvania" in the Miss America Pageant and a personal testimony by Miss Bonnie Barrows, coordinator of the Women's Ministry of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association.

The program will also include welcome by

Mr. Carr; prayer by Larry Ashcraft, Jaycee Chaplain; congregational singing led by Jim Raymick, Minister of Music of Parkway Baptist Church, Jackson, and scripture reading by Scott Cook, Jackson, associate of Dr. Swor.

Dr. Swor, a native Mississippian, was formerly Dean of Men and assistant professor of English at Mississippi College.

He has for several years been engaged in full-time religious work, both throughout the United States as well as numerous foreign countries. He is the author or co-author of eight books.

Miss Thomas, was the fourth runner-up in the 1973 Atlantic City Pageant. As her talent she sang "Take My Hand, Precious Lord," which she says, "God chose best for her."

Miss Barrows holds a B. A. degree in communication from Wheaton College, Wheaton, Illinois.

She is currently in Jackson working with the Billy Graham campaign headquarters preparing for the Graham Crusade May 11-18.

Miss Barrows is the oldest daughter of Cliff Barrows, song leader and program director for the Graham Crusades.

Ted Hill, Jaycee president, said that at the close of the program an offering will be taken for the purpose of defraying expenses of the service.

The service will be held on the side of the stadium in which the press box is situated.



NASHVILLE—A. V. Washburn (left), secretary of the Sunday School department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, meets with Grady C. Cohen, Board president, to discuss possibilities of a new Sunday School enrollment-evangelism idea that has produced outstanding Sunday School growth in several states.

Sunday School Board Considers New Member Enrollment Plan

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"The idea calls for working to enroll new Sunday School members before they attend Sunday School. Pastors, teachers, and class members enroll anyone who is not already in Bible study somewhere and will agree to become a member of a Bible study group," he said.

Washburn said the Sunday School Board is not endorsing any plan presently being used, but is studying several plans and will work with various pastors and churches to develop specific approaches.

However, he believes the idea is sound and its potential outstanding. He is working now to lead the Sunday School department in rapid support of the concept with helps for churches due very soon.

Churches in Florida, Texas, California, Virginia, Michigan, and a

few other states have reported using the idea. Some Sunday Schools have enlisted more persons than they can immediately accommodate. Others have doubled Sunday School enrollment and attendance in one month.

"The idea has been discussed with state Sunday School leaders from most states represented in the Southern Baptist Convention," Washburn said. "The response has been overwhelming and enthusiasm for the idea is widespread."

Washburn continued to say that "about 45 percent of the persons enrolled finally become regular attenders, which is approximately the same percentage as found in Sunday Schools which enroll persons only after they attend the Sunday School. Another 35 percent attend Sunday School irregularly."

FMB Largest Appropriation Goes To Bangladesh

RICHMOND (BP)—The largest single relief appropriation made by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board since the special post-World War II relief offering in 1946 and the appointment of nine missionaries highlighted the board's March meeting here.

The appropriation of \$225,194 is for relief and rehabilitation needs in Bangladesh.

"This large sum is made possible by the greatly increased gifts for world hunger and relief made by churches throughout the Southern Baptist Convention," said Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary.

"The amount appropriated is one third of what the Bangladesh Mission (organization of Southern Baptist missionaries) has recommended," Cauthen continued. "As other funds become available, further steps will be taken in Bangladesh and in other lands where suffering is also severe."

Of the \$225,194 appropriated, \$73,194 will be used for food distribution and \$62,000 for food production projects. Irrigation wells will be dug. Fertilizer seed and insecticides will be supplied, and food will be provided in exchange for work on farm plots.

In addition, \$80,000 will help rebuild and develop villages that were destroyed in war or floods, and \$10,000 will provide medical assistance.

The board also heard Joseph B. Underwood, consultant on evangelism and church develop-

Long Range Planning - - -

(Continued From Page 1) the seminar is designed for pastors, church staff members, church leaders, and directors of associational missions.

This seminar is designed to help persons learn how to lead a church to define its mission and how to develop the right plan for realizing that mission," said Foshee. "Participants will discover steps a church can take to write in advance its history for the next three to 10 years.

The seminar will deal with getting a good start in long-range planning, writing, basic church objectives, discovering vital spiritual needs of persons, setting strategic goals, selecting appropriate strategies and events that assure desired results, communicating the completed plan, and involving church members in working to

ward future accomplishments."

Truman Brown Jr., church administration consultant at the board, will be the seminar leader. The guest program leader will be Richard Ivey, program administrator at Cliff Temple Baptist Church, Dallas, Tex.

Board personnel serving on the faculty for each of these seminars will include Foshee and Bill Young, supervisor of the children's section, church training department.

A \$20 registration fee — including all planning materials, two meals, seminar certificate and binder — is payable in advance. To register, the \$20 fee may be sent to Leon Emery, church administration consultant, Mississippi Baptist Convention, Box 530, 515 Mississippi St., Jackson, 39205.

HMB Adds Staff, Alters Organization

TULSA, Okla. (BP) — Southern Baptist Home Mission Board directors elevated the division of evangelism to section status, named three new staff members, including a new director of the division of chaplaincy, and appointed two new missionaries and eight missionary associates in action at the board's spring meeting here.

The Atlanta-based board holds spring meetings outside Atlanta to give more Southern Baptists an opportunity to see the board at work.

Major business involved moving

the division of evangelism up a notch on the organizational structure to section status to give it a bolder profile in Southern Baptist Convention life.

The directors continued a moratorium on new church loans applications for an additional 30 days, but John Miles, board member from Thomaston, Ga., presenting the church loans committee report, said the moratorium possibly could be lifted in May or June, depending on economic developments.

Russell H. Dilday Jr., pastor of

New Orleans Trustees Adopt Record Budget

NEW ORLEANS — New Orleans Seminary trustees adopted a record budget, changed the titles of two administrators, approved faculty promotions, and heard reports on the \$1.2 million campus renovation and construction projects March 11-13 during their annual meeting.

The new budget of \$2.4 million, the largest adopted in the institution's history, represents an increase of \$225,751 over fiscal year 1974-75. Part of the additional funds will be used to provide a five per cent salary increase for faculty and administrative officers, said seminary president Dr. Landrum P. Leavell.

The board also voted to change the titles of Dr. Ray P. Rust, executive assistant to the president, and Dr. Russell M. McIntire, director of development, to executive vice-president and vice-president for development, respectively.

In action relating to faculty members, the trustees approved the promotion of Dr. Fisher Humphreys and Dr. Paul Gerlicke from assistant professor to associate professor. Also approved were sabbatical leaves for Dr. George Kelm, associate professor of bib-

lical introduction and archaeology, and Dr. J. Olen Strange, professor of Old Testament and Hebrew.

In his president's report, Dr. Leavell informed the board that there had been an approximate 10 per cent increase in student enrollment for 1974-75.

He also asked the trustees to consider the development of a more comprehensive program for diploma (non-degree) students. Pointing out that some 50 per cent of all Southern Baptist pastors lack formal seminary training, he declared: "It is our responsibility to the denomination to respond to this need."

On the construction scene, Dr. Leavell reported that two projects, the renovation of the Frost Building and the 21,000 square-foot addition to the library, were nearing completion. The new library complex, which will house 300,000 volumes, will be ready for use next fall, he said.

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Second - Ponce de Leon Baptist Church, Atlanta, was reelected president of the board of directors.

Thomas A. Hunter, pastor of Coosa Baptist Church, Coosa, Ala., was elected first vice-president; and J. T. Ford, a former pastor and now president of West Georgia College in Carrollton, second vice-president. Mrs. I. W. Bowes, III of Forsyth, Ga., was reelected recording secretary; and Mrs. Ralph M. Blanchard, Atlanta, assistant recording secretary.

William L. Clark, associate director of the division of chaplaincy since 1974, and formerly assistant director for military personnel ministries for the division of chaplaincy from 1970-73, was named director of the division. He succeeds James Kelly, who retired last year.

Clark, 34, is a native of Harperville, Miss., and is a graduate of Mississippi College and New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

The new director was a U. S. Air Force chaplain from 1951-70. Before that, he was pastor of several Mississippi churches, and also taught school at one time.

Clark said, in accepting the new post, that he will give special emphasis during the next two years to establishing a volunteer chaplaincy program in city and county jails, hospitals and industry.

"The chaplaincy is an important part of the Home Mission Board's

mission outreach to people away from home and beyond the doors of the local church," he said.

Also in the division of chaplaincy, the directors elected Pat Davis, a U. S. Army chaplain since 1956, as associate director of the division. Davis, who recently took early retirement from the military chaplaincy, will relate primarily to the Army. The division's two other associates, Carl Hart and Lowell Sodenman, relate to institutional and hospital-industrial chaplains, respectively.

Davis, 32, is a native of Drewry, Ala., and is a graduate of the University of Alabama, where he earned a bachelor of arts degree. He also has bachelor of divinity and master of divinity degrees from New Orleans Seminary. He was pastor of Marion Baptist Church, Marion, Miss., before entering the Army chaplaincy.

The third staff position went to Don Hammer, elected associate director of the department of metropolitan missions, effective May 23. Hammer, 38, currently is coordinator of the Urban Strategy Council of the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

Missionary associates appointed included Judith Lide, a Christian social ministries appointee as assistant director of Friendship House in New Orleans.

Miss Lide, a native of Meridian, Miss., is a graduate of Mississippi College and is a student at New Orleans Seminary.

William Hull Accepts Shreveport Pastorate

SHREVEPORT, La. (BP) — William Hull, dean of the school of theology and provost at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, will become pastor of First Baptist Church, Shreveport, effective Sept. 7.

Hull, 44, has served on the seminary faculty and staff since 1965, when he became an instructor. He became dean in 1969 and provost in 1972.

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of Cambodia) than we are about the humanity which we are destroying with that continued aggression."

On the subject of the television networks, Wingo said they deal at the lowest common denominator of programming "and are often arrogant in their disdain for those who question how they fulfill their public obligation."

He said that Baptists who seek to influence television programming by writing letters to advertising sponsors of network shows are wasting their time. A better method, he suggested, is to deal with the local station outlet on matters "which you feel are out of sync with the attitudes of your community."

The networks, he said, "will get the message."

Spring Means Man And Boy Camps Near

by Elmer Howell
Brotherhood Department Director

It's spring again, and in the spring all sorts of good things happen. One of the best is Man and Boy Rallies. There are not too many occasions for men and boys to get together in a group, especially in Christian fellowship. The Brotherhood Department is offering this opportunity in four different locations in the state. The schedule follows:

April 10 — First Church, Batesville, 7 p.m.

April 17 — First Church, Cartage, 7 p.m.

April 24 — First Church, Crystal Springs, 7 p.m.

May 1 — Temple Church, Hattiesburg, 7 p.m.

The meal is \$1.50 per person. Rally around!

McIntire - - -

(Continued From Page 1) active position at the seminary in 1972 following a 20-year pastorate at First Church, Clinton.

A graduate of William Jewell College, Liberty, Mo., and New Orleans Seminary, McIntire has headed the Baptist Pastors' Conference in Jackson, Miss., and the Mississippi Baptist Convention's Board of Ministerial Education. He has also served as a trustee of Mississippi College.

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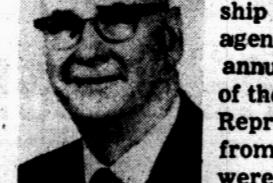
(Continued From Page 1) very gratifying," said Dr. Earl Kelly, executive secretary-treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. "Particularly so is the 17 per cent increase in total mission expenditures. This is another indication of the concern that Mississippi Baptists continue to express for people in need all over the world."

Singapore Baptists Form Convention

SINGAPORE — Twelve churches and chapels here have inaugurated the Singapore Baptist Convention, the culmination of 18 years of cooperation between Southern Baptist missionaries and national Baptists.

HMB Raises Evangelism To Section Status

(Continued From Page 1) Executives as the group met in Mobile earlier this month.



Self improvement, inspiration, and fellowship made up the agenda for the annual meeting of the association. Representatives from 16 states were present.

Cecil Pearson

and Grady Randolph, president and vice-president of the association, alternated the responsibility of moderating each session. On Tuesday, Jim Cherry, executive director of the South Carolina Foundation, led a discussion dealing with management skills. Wednesday Mr. Paul Berz, of Goldman Sachs, gave an overview of the country's economic climate.

The other sessions included a discussion of the work of the Home and Foreign Mission Boards, and the supporting role of the Stewardship Commission. It was noted that many of our forefathers continue to have a part in the support of Baptist work

throughout the world. Trust funds established under their wills or through gifts made during their lifetime, continue to provide needed income. It was noted that many times this money loses its identity as endowment money, since the donor instructed that it be channeled through his local church, or through one of the special mission offerings.

The meeting reflected a growing awareness of the important role played by foundations.

Rising world inflation and exploding needs have placed a strain upon Baptist mission causes and agencies. The services of the foundations provide a way for Baptists to give this additional support.

The meeting ended with a business session on Thursday morning. Officers elected for 1975-76 were as follows: president, Rev. Cox; vice-president, Dr. Glenn Bryant, associate secretary, Louisiana Baptist Foundation; secretary-treasurer, Harry D. Trulove, executive director, Arkansas Baptist Foundation. The meeting in 1976 will be February 10-12 at Tucson, Ariz.

The sub-committee studied the issue for more than a year before recommending the change approved here. The committee was comprised of Carl E. Bates, chairman, of Charlotte, N. C.; Landrum Leavell, then of Wichita Falls, Tex., now president of New Orleans Seminary, and A. Bruce Coyle of Memphis, Tenn.

Under the new arrangement, evangelism will become a separate section, with Director C. B. Hogue answerable directly to Arthur B. Rutledge, the board's executive director-treasurer. Section director status seats Hogue on the staff executive council which consists of the executive director or treasurer, assistant exec-

utive director-treasurer, section directors and the administrative assistant.

The change will mean realignment of the board's staff into four sections — evangelism, missions, planning and services, and planning and coordination.

Under the former organizational setup, evangelism was a division in the program implementation section, along with four other divisions — missions, chaplaincy, church loans, and associational services, which will remain in the program implementation section, which has been renamed missions section.

Two division titles will be changed for clarification. The missions division will be renamed the "missions ministries division."

University Medical Center Appoints First Chaplain

The first chaplain at University Hospital in Jackson won't be hidden away in a corner office and called out for emergencies only. Dr. James L. Travis, III, will join the hospital staff June 1 as a 'now' member of the total health care team with one primary mission: patients first.

Hospital director D. Andrew Grimes announced Dr. Travis' appointment to the new post following action of the Board of Trustees of Institutions of Higher Learning.

Dr. Travis, a Baptist minister with more than 10 years experience in the health care field, will provide "conversational medicine" in his supportive role on the health team.

In addition to visiting with hospital patients and their families, on request the chaplain will pray with them, read Bible passages, and provide religious advice and reading materials. Having close contact with area clergymen of various denominations, he will also refer requests for additional counseling and for administration of rites of the church to a minister of the patient's own faith.

The University Hospital chaplaincy program will serve patients, visitors, and employees as a first - step. The program may grow, however, to a Medical Center-wide activity and responsibility, hospital director Grimes said.

A Batesville native, Dr. Travis is currently director of religious therapy at Central State Hospital in Milledgeville, Georgia.

He holds the Ph.D. degree from Emory University, Atlanta, and B. D. and Th.M degrees from Southern Seminary. He is a 1958 magna cum laude graduate of Mississippi College.

The chaplain, also a part - time instructor in sociology at Georgia College, is a former instructor in the Department of Psychology of



Dr. James L. Travis, III, becomes the first chaplain at University Hospital when he and his family return to Mississippi June 1. Currently director of religious therapy at Central State Hospital in Milledgeville, Ga., he has formerly pastored churches in Mississippi, Kentucky, and Georgia.

Religion and a marriage counselor at Southern Seminary. From 1955 to 1963 he pastored Baptist churches in Mississippi, Kentucky, and Georgia.

An author whose articles have appeared in *Pastoral Psychology* and *Hospital and Community Psychiatry*, Dr. Travis is a certified chaplain supervisor and profes-

sional mental health chaplain. He was endorsed in 1966 as hospital chaplain by the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Dr. Travis and his wife, the former Patricia Jean Hazel of Batesville, are the parents of two children, a 15 - year - old daughter and an 11 - year - old son.

Troy Sumrall Takes Perry Missions Post

Rev. Troy A. Sumrall, formerly a pastor in Louisiana, New Mexico, Texas, and Mississippi, has accepted the post of director of associational missions for Perry County Baptist Association.

He was interim pastor of Woolmarket Church in Gulf Coast Baptist Association when he assumed the position.

Rev. Sumrall attended Wayland Baptist College, Plainview, Tex.; the University of Southern Mississippi at Hattiesburg; and the Baptist Bible Institute, now New Orleans Seminary. He was called to his first pastorate in 1929 and continued in the pastoral ministry until he became the director of missions in Perry Association.

New York Church Needs Teachers For Kindergarten

A New York City Southern Baptist church is looking for qualified teachers with B. S. in early childhood education who can be certified in New York City to work in day care-kindergarten program. They also need a male director with the same qualifications, plus at least two years of teaching experience in certified pre-school program. Dedicated Baptist people who would be willing to get involved with other church activities are wanted for these teaching positions.

Salary ranges are: Teacher: \$7540-\$8320 (with MA). Director: \$850-\$10,000 (based on experience etc.). Interested persons may write to Metropolitan N. Y. Baptist Association, P. O. Box 383, Ansonia Station, N. Y., N. Y. 10023.

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Pioneer' Churches Get Home Mission Loans

By Toby Drain
For Baptist Record

In the past 20 years the Home Mission Board has made 4,802 loans totaling \$81,324,200 for new church buildings, church sites, and renovation projects in 49 of the 50 states — most of them in so-called "pioneer" areas — and in the Panama Canal Zone and Puerto Rico.

And, another 250 for some \$12 million probably will be made in 1975 to push the total well past the \$82 million mark. More than 100 loans for \$1 million already are in process, according to Robert H. Kilgore, director of HMB's Division of Church Loans.

A report prepared by Kilgore for the HMB's church loans committee, shows the church loans portfolio — the summary of all loans, stocks, securities, bonds, and other articles in possession of the board — has almost doubled in the 10 years from 1965-74. The total had topped \$43 million at year's end.

The portfolio gained \$1.4 million during 1974, a year that saw some 250 loans granted for \$12 million. The Division of Church Loans during the year handled almost 1,300 requests for loans or inquiries about how to secure financing.

The loans division operated under a "slowdown" on processing new loan applications during the last 60 days of the year to await economic developments. The slowdown is continuing.

Kilgore noted in his report to the loans committee that of the churches currently in the loan accounts only 7.4 percent are delinquent, and those who are in arrears owe only one percent of the division's loan funds.

The delinquency rate has steadily declined over the last five years and Kilgore has noted no change in the record in spite of the national economic conditions.

"This represents the moral character and good stewardship of our churches," he said.

Most of the 4,802 loans made during the 20-year period — the era of Southern Baptist expansion into a national convention — have been to "pioneer" churches in the West, Midwest, and Northeast. Those states received 4,455 loans for almost \$82 million during the period. Only Minnesota, which now has relatively few churches, has yet to receive a HMB loan.



Cooperative Program At Work On My Field

By Ken Lyle

Metropolitan New York

Baptist Association,

New York, New York

Moving through the streets of

New York City, one soon becomes aware that representatives from every country in the world are here. In this, the world's major metropolitan area, it is most difficult to make a distinction between home and foreign missions.

For that reason (there are others) the Cooperative Program dollar coming into the New York area multiplies itself many times over. For, while starting out as home missions, the same money may eventually take the gospel to some remote part of the world, or vice versa.

An illustration is found in the new Bible study among Koreans started a few months ago. A Southern Baptist chaplain, Bob Maples (his father helped found the first Korean Baptist Church in Los Angeles) and Home Mission Board Consultant Dan Moon discovered several Korean Baptists in the border of Queens.

While most of these new friends were regular churchgoers they were eager to begin Southern Baptist work. From a beginning of Bible study and singing every other Saturday night, the group now holds Sunday worship services (these services were begun in January, 1975).

In this group are two deacons, two whose fathers are Baptist pastors in Korea, and one who was a WMU leader for her church and state convention in Korea. Once again we see the beautiful tie between home and foreign missions through cooperative giving!

In an ever smaller world with what seems to be an ever decreasing buying power, it is entirely possible that Southern Baptists have a God given method for seeing their dollars multiply — the Cooperative Program. This will remain true if we see the world as our field and keep focusing on individuals in that world to share Christ with.

The world's cities, teeming with ethnicity and churning with mobility, show us that mission dollars have double value when people led to Christ in one place take Him to another when they go... and they will go!

Lebanese Church Dynamited; None Injured In Blast

BAALBECK, Lebanon (BP) — A Baptist church here was damaged but no one was injured when a dynamite charge planted on the church window sill exploded about 2:30 a.m. on a Sunday.

Windows were broken in the rented apartment used by the Baptist Church of Baalbeck and in three surrounding homes.

Southern Baptist missionary Emmett A. Barnes, stationed here, and the church's pastor, Fouad Shorosh, both expressed the opinion the incident was not against the church.

"This incident does not express the attitude of the community toward us," Barnes stated. "The people of Baalbeck have been open both to us as people and to our message. I don't think this was an act against the church or that it had any political motivation."

Barnes added that family feuds are common here and the attack might have been against the landlord.

Baptists Ask Voting Rights For U. S. Citizens Overseas

trial elections.

A total of more than 750,000 U. S. citizens residing overseas would be affected by the proposed law.

Only half of the states presently make provision for citizens who are legally domiciled in those states but are living abroad to vote in federal elections.

Wood's statement to the subcommittee in support of the bill, H. R. 3211, said that Baptist support for the measure is based on three arguments: (1) the right of all citizens to vote in federal elections is a basic right of U. S. citizenship; (2) the right of suffrage should be compatible with basic American concepts of equity and justice as applied to all citizens without discrimination between private citizens and those associated with government and military service; and (3) the right of a private citizen to movement and travel, including the maintenance of a permanent residence overseas for legitimate purposes, should not be the basis of a citizen's disfranchisement.

The mission boards of the American Baptist Churches in the U. S. A., Baptist General Conference, North American Baptist General Conference, Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc., Seventh Day Baptist General Conference, and Southern Baptist Convention are seeking passage of the measure which would permit nearly three thousand of their missionaries to vote in presidential elections.

10,000 Musicians Unveil New Hymnal

(Continued From Page 1)
"I Will Praise Him" and a hymn before leaving to a lengthy standing ovation.

Approximately 8,000 persons in the first night's crowd were welcomed by Grady C. Cothen, president of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, to a "first" in Southern Baptist life. He said that Music City would hear music during PraiSing "like it hasn't heard before."

The diversity of "PraiSing 75," March 10-13, was witnessed by the fact that 54 individual daytime concerts were presented at six locations over a three day period.

Additionally, there was a Sacred Harp Singing one afternoon and 30 continuous hours of hymn singing at the "Sing the Hymnal Through" program in the Sunday

School Board's Van Ness Auditorium.

On Tuesday night the Nashville Symphony Orchestra accompanied a 600 voice choir for the performance of "This We Believe," by Cecil Effinger. Amerigo Marino, music director and conductor of the Birmingham (Ala.) Symphony Orchestra, was the guest conductor. The orchestra also played five orchestral improvisations of favorite Baptist hymns.

Marino replaced Thor Johnson,

who died in January, 1975, as director of the symphony for PraiSing. William J. Reynolds, secretary of the church music department of the Sunday School Board, paid special tribute to Johnson for the work he had done in preparation for "PraiSing 75" before Johnson's untimely death.

One of the most enthusiastic receptions was given to the Fisk Jubilee Singers of Fisk University, Nashville. The crowd of 6,000 gave them two standing ovations during their short performance time.

Jerry Clower, Mississippi comedian and member of the Grand Ole Opry, took charge of the Wednesday evening country-gospel program as master of ceremonies. Clower, decked out in his "Grand Ole Opry" bright yellow suit, had the country-gospel fans laughing from the very beginning with his "back-home" jokes.

First on the program Wednesday night was the Jake Hess Sound, a gospel trio. Jeannie C. Riley of "Harper Valley PTA" fame was next, followed by Myrtle Hall, who frequently sings with Billy Graham teams. Miss Hall's version of "To God Be the Glory" drew a standing ovation from the 7,500 persons in Nashville's Municipal Auditorium. The Wednesday program concluded

with soloist Cynthia Clawson and The Speer Family.

Almost 10,000 persons were on hand for the closing program Thursday night with the audience receiving souvenir copies of the new hymnal. A 900-voice men's choir composed of the Centurymen and 13 state singing men's groups started singing from the new hymnal. They were joined by the entire audience for 15 songs, which included "Have Faith in God," "Victory in Jesus" and "How Great Thou Art."

When "PraiSing 75" ended late Thursday night with the audience of 10,000 singing "Sweet, Sweet Spirit," new "Baptist Hymnals" were already in the mail to churches that had placed orders before PraiSing began.

Every note has been played, every note sung, and every word read. Southern Baptists officially have a new "Baptist Hymnal."

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EDITORIAL

"Take A Drink And Starve A Child"

I saw that statement in a publication which came to my desk, and was a bit startled by it. Then I began to investigate and discovered just how true it is. I found the facts in still another publication.

The latest issue of the quarterly publication of the American Business Men's Research Foundation, *Report on Alcohol*, Winter 1974, carries a story of a study by Harvard Economist, Dr. Jean Mayer, who says that grain used by the U. S. Alcohol industry last year would have fed 20,000,000 people. This equals the population of some of the smaller countries where hunger is so prevalent, and also equals the total population of Kentucky, Tennessee, Mississippi, Alabama and Florida. Of course, these latter states are not starving, but they are used to show the number of people who could have been fed if the grains had been used for bread instead of booze. Moreover, says this report, this is only the grain used to manufacture liquor in the U.S., and in addition much of the grain which we ship to England returns to us as Scotch whisky and much of that sold to Russia returns as Vodka. We are fully sympathetic with and in favor of the appeals for Americans to do without certain meats or certain foods in order to help feed the hungry of the world, but cannot be very happy with the situation which turns much of American grain into booze. Under no circumstance can this be called using it for one of the necessities of life. Why not stop the manufacture of liquor, and send the grain to help feed a starving world?

This is not all that we learned as

we read through this latest issue of *Report on Alcohol*. We gleaned several other facts from the publication. Here are some of them.

LIQUOR IS AMERICA'S GREATEST DRUG PROBLEM. We hear much more about LSD or heroin and other drugs, but the fact is that the most widespread addiction is on alcohol. Tragically, the problem has become so commonplace that we shrug it off, unless it touches our own family or home. However, it is a very real problem to millions of Americans and those not directly effected need to become concerned. Moreover, we can expect it to get worse.

TOTAL ABSTINENCE IN AMERICA HAS HIT A 35 YEAR LOW. A 1974 Gallup Poll indicates that 68% of the American adult population class themselves as at least occasional drinkers. The figure was 38% in 1939, so the increase is approximately 80%. This is alarming, but simply reveals how false were the claims that were made that doing away with prohibition would decrease drinking. We do not have the figures on the percentages in pre-prohibition days, but are sure that the increase is much larger. The Addiction Research Foundation says in a statement quoted in the quarterly, "the more liberalization, the greater use of alcohol will result, and that in turn will mean a greater prevalence of disease and death." It is interesting to note in the report from the Gallup Poll that the highest incidence in drinking is in the East where 78% of the adults drink, while the lowest is in the South where only 51% drink. Also of interest is that 83% of the Roman Catholics

drink while the figure is only 61% for Protestants.

ALCOHOL IS A COSTLY LUXURY FOR THE NATION. A new federal report reveals that the public still is paying \$3.18 in economic losses, for every \$1.00 in alcoholic beverage revenue. Total public revenues from alcoholic beverages in a recent year were \$7.96 billion, while economic losses attributed to alcohol-related problems totaled \$25.37 billion. Liquor is a rather costly citizen in our country.

ALCOHOL AND CRIME GO TOGETHER. In a time when the whole nation is becoming alarmed about the crime situation, it might be well to look at one of the major factors in the criminal activity. A recent study reveals that alcohol is related to 68% of all murders, 41% of all assaults, 34% of the rapes, 29% of other sex crimes, and 100% of drunkenness, disorderly conduct, drunken driving and vagrancy. If we want to stop crime, maybe we need to begin with one of its sources, namely alcohol.

TOTAL CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL IS DIRECTLY RELATED TO ALCOHOLISM AND OTHER ALCOHOL-RELATED DISEASES. This report says, "Without exception, nations that have high alcoholic consumption levels have the highest prevalence of alcohol-related illness. The more people there are in any society who drink, even though most may drink moderately — the more alcoholics there will be, and the greater the incidence of alcohol-related damage. There is simply no country in the world where this equation has been upset."

LOWERING THE AGE OF LEGAL CONSUMPTION IS ACCOMPANIED BY INCREASED DRINKING. Lowering the age of voting usually has also brought a lowering of the age of drinking. The result is that drinking under age 21 is now legal in 27 states. A study in Michigan reveals how this has increased drinking among youth. "The average 18-20 year old was consuming an extra six pack of beer per weekend, and an extra bottle of liquor per month following the law change.

Despite these alarming facts concerning alcohol, its proponents constantly work to give it a larger freedom in our society. For example, here in Mississippi there appears to be a quiet move in the legislature to greatly liberalize laws on the making and selling of wine in the state, and evidently it is the purpose of the proponents of the idea to carry it through without the knowledge of the general public.

MORE LIQUOR MEANS MORE PROBLEMS FOR MISSISSIPPI! Is that what you want? Perhaps you might do well to remind your legislators that you are against any relaxing of liquor laws.

Liquor still is one of America's, and Mississippi's greatest problems. We do not want it made worse!

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THE CHICAGO DECLARATION by Ronald J. Sider (Creation House, pocket book, 144 pp., \$2.45) In 1973 a group of evangelicals met in Chicago to discuss the social responsibilities of the Christian faith. Out of the conference came a declaration on Christian action in the social field. This book tells the story of that meeting and declaration.

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THE BAPTIST FORUM

More Memories Of

Dr. Kyle M. Yates

Dear Dr. Odle:

I read with interest your editorial about Dr. Kyle Yates in the Baptist Record, and wish to share some of my own memories about your friend.

I first met Dr. Yates when he was pastor of Second Baptist Church in Houston, Texas. My two sisters and their families were members of that great church. One sister lay critically ill in St. Luke's Hospital with a malignant tumor. It was 8 o'clock in the morning when I arrived in Houston after having traveled all night. My other sister met me at the station and among the first remarks she made were these: "Before we go to the hospital to see Jessie I want you to meet our pastor." A pastor in those days really cared about his flock.

She drove to the parking lot across from the Second Baptist. We went into the Sanctuary. I sat and waited — but not for long. Dr. Yates entered with his arm of protection thrown across her small burdened shoulders, burdened and saddened because of the news of the danger of losing her sister in death. Dr. Yates sat between us. He took my hand in one of his to reassure me, he took her hand in his other hand and talked quietly to us and told us that he cared — also that God cared. Later we prayed. Riding to the hospital we felt like one who has had oil poured on a burn. Instead of intolerable fears, there was hope and trust. Afterwards on several other visits to her sick bed and when she passed away, this man of God ministered to her Mississippi relatives in a most beautiful way.

Later, and the last time I saw him was in his office on the campus at Baylor University. Our daughter was a student there and we were on campus for parent's weekend activities. He greeted us at the door which bore the name Dr. Kyle Yates, etc. We entered a room with long desk and chairs — but he walked through another door into a smaller room and invited us to sit across the table from him. The room had only one high window but was lined with books. Soon he said, "In this little room I study, meditate, spend time on my knees and write." Alone there with God, Dr. Yates wrote several books. My favorite one is, "Studies in Psalms." Sitting at the feet of this scholar was an experience I won't soon forget.

We heard him speak in Jackson in the late forties or fifties in reference and with interest to his work as a member of that committee which revised the King James Version of the Bible. I believe he told us that his efforts and accomplishments were in the revision of the Old Testament.

In December 1974 Chet and I were in First Baptist Church, Tulsa, Oklahoma for a Sunday morning worship service. The pastor referred to Dr. Yates as a man who spent his formative years on a farm. We were very grateful for his remarks.

When he wrote us a letter which he so kindly did on several occasions, he always began them with, "I thank my God for every remembrance of you."

We did not presume to be a personal friend as you were, just a fellow traveler whose life was enriched by him.

Irene Geiger
(Mrs. Chester H. Geiger)
North Hill Square
Jackson

Light for Living

— Chester E. Swor

Thinking About Easter

With the season in which we remember the crucifixion of Christ and celebrate his resurrection just a short time away, here's a sobering thought. When Christ indicated that one of his own would betray him, instead of suspecting each other and looking accusingly at others, each of the faithful disciples asked sorrowfully, "Lord, is it I?"

The words " betrayer" and "traitor" are despised words in any connection, but particularly are they repulsive when they refer to a Christian's fidelity to Christ. Few, if any, followers of Christ would deliberately set out to betray him, yet, in effect one can become a betrayer of Christ in ways other than "selling him for thirty pieces of silver."

1. We can betray him through living lives which through compromise, sin, and selfishness deny either the presence of Christ in our lives or his power to change life. And someone unsaved will say, "If he is a Christian, excuse me, please!"

2. We can betray Christ by being "disciples by night," not letting other people know that we are HIS.

3. We can betray him by being silent in instances in which we ought to speak up clearly and courageously in behalf of Christ, the church, and Christian principles.

4. We can betray him through participating in hurtful criticisms of Christ, the church, and principles and causes dear to the heart of Christ.

5. We can betray him through deliberately ignoring his claims upon us as Lord of our lives, stubbornly having our own way despite clear knowledge that it is not HIS way for our lives.

6. We can betray him by failing to introduce him to our friends who are not Christians, some of whom have admired us and wondered about the secret of our lives.

So, as the season approaches in which, among other well-remembered events, we recall Christ's plaintive and sorrowful remark, "... One of you shall betray me," it behoves each of us to ask, "Is it I, Lord?"

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Revival Tides Rising

Excitement is rising as the time for the Billy Graham Mississippi Crusade approaches. It is scheduled for May 11-18 in Mississippi Memorial Stadium, beginning on Sunday and ending on Sunday.

Already hundreds of churches of all denominations have been enlisted to participate. We rejoice that Baptists are becoming involved in a major way.

Thousands of people already are busy or soon will be, participating in area prayer meetings, study programs, the 5,000 voice choir, the school of evangelism, and other activities related to the preparation for and in the crusade itself.

More than 1,500 people from all over the area, attended a recent preparation meeting, which was addressed by Cliff Barrows, song leader for the team, and one of the general directors for the Crusade.

Nearly 1,500 women assembled at Calvary Baptist Church, Jackson, last week, to make plans for prayer participation.

NEWEST BOOKS

A HISTORY OF THE TENNESSEE BAPTIST CONVENTION by W. Fred Kendall (Tennessee Baptist Convention, Brentwood, Tenn., 384 pp.) An authorized history of Tennessee Baptists, written by the man who only recently retired after serving for many years as Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the convention, and published by the convention board. The story of Tennessee Baptists from their very beginning to the present hour. First white settlers in Tennessee came just prior to the Revolutionary war and both Regular and Separate Baptists were among the early settlers. Two Baptist churches are reported to have been formed as early as 1765, but the recognized first church to continue to survive was organized probably in 1775. Thus the Baptists of Tennessee have 200 years of history. This book tells of their growth, their problems, their development as a denomination, etc. Chapters tell of the Landmark Controversy, and other experiences which influenced the life of the churches and the convention. This is a well written historical volume which should have a wide reading, and will take its place as a part of the continuing story of the growth and development of the people called Southern Baptists.

GOD'S PEOPLE IN TROUBLED TIMES by Annie Ward Byrd and Ann Pollard Williamson (Convention, paper, \$1.10, 160 pp.) Written especially for youth, this book concludes the study of the Old Testament as it follows the division of the Kingdom, the decline and fall of Israel and Judah and the restoration of the nation after captivity.

WORKING WITH YOUTH IN SUNDAY SCHOOL by Franklin Farmer (Con-

vention, paper, \$1.10, 128 pp.) Here are principles designed to help a person in youth Sunday School work to understand youth-leadership roles, facilities, organization, reaching, teaching, planning and evaluating.

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CHRIST'S SEVEN LAST DAYS by Pierson Mettler (Dorrance & Co., 142 pp., \$4.95) The wife of a Methodist Episcopal minister in the north presents the story of the last days of Jesus in beautiful poetic form. The book is different for it sees the great events through the eyes of an outstanding poet.

LOOK OUT! THE PENTECOSTALS ARE COMING by Peter Wagner (Creation House, 196 pp., \$4.95) One of the most remarkable happenings in the modern Christian movement is Pentecostalism and nowhere has the group had greater effect on the Christian move-

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Suggests Churches

Investigate Speaker

Dear Dr. Odle:

May I suggest that if any church in Miss. is asked by Dr. Ralph E. Baney

Pastor's Wife, Author Prepares State Missions Material

by Don McGregor

A Mississippi Baptist pastor's wife, the author of four books, will add to her author's credits the script for the state missions presentations for the Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union this fall.

She is Mrs. Martha Nelson; and her husband, Carl, is pastor of First Church, Pelahatchie.

Mrs. Nelson recently made a tour along the Gulf coast where state missions money is being put to good use in the purchase of mission sites in that area which is destined to grow to a great extent during the next few years.

Other examples of state missions funds at work are completed missions buildings already serving communities along the coast, and mobile chapels owned by the state that are being used until sufficient funds are available to build permanent facilities.

This year almost \$200,000 has been earmarked in the state's Cooperative Program budget for just such usage, and a primary

source of needed state missions funds is the annual state missions offering promoted in the church by the Woman's Missionary Union.

Mississippi Gulf Coast spokesmen are predicting extensive population growth in their area as industry and workers move in. Even without the growth, however, they say there are fewer churches serving the present population than in other areas of the state.

Other areas destined for major growth include the metropolitan Jackson area, which takes in Madison, Hinds, and Rankin counties; the suburban Memphis area in DeSoto County, and along the Tombigbee waterway.

Mrs. Nelson will put her expertise to work to present the needs of these areas to Mississippi Baptists.

Mrs. Nelson is the author of four books, three of them published by Broadman Press, a Sunday School Board enterprise. Her most recent volume was coauthored with her daughter Mrs. Pat James of

Oklahoma City, the wife of a policeman. The book is "Police Wife — How to Live with the Law and Like It." It is designed to help the wives of law enforcement officers cope with the stresses of their husbands' occupation.

The others are "A Woman's Search for Serenity," "The Christian Woman in the Working World," and "On Being a Deacon's Wife."

Last week Mrs. Nelson met with Jackson police captain J. H. Booth, the director of training; police chaplain J. H. Welborn; and Mrs. Lavel Tullus, the wife of the chief of Jackson police, at the Jackson police training center. She presented Mrs. Tullus a copy of the book for the police library. The director of personnel for the police department sees a role for the book in preparing wives for their husbands' careers, even during the recruiting stage.

Chief Tullus and Mrs. Tullus are members of the Robinson Street Church in Jackson.

The idea for the book came from Pat's former college roommate, who is a psychologist in New Mexico. She asked Pat what being a policeman's wife was like. Mrs. Nelson and Pat checked the International Association of Police Chiefs and with the departments in Denver and Oklahoma City and found there was nothing in the field to be such assistance for the wives.

The Nelsons have been back in Mississippi since May of 1974. They were in Colorado for five years, where Rev. Nelson was pastor of Calvary Church in Englewood, a suburb of Denver. He was a member of the Southern Baptist Executive Committee as a Colorado pastor.

Both are natives of Cleveland, Miss.

Last November Mrs. Nelson was approached about writing the material for the 1975 state missions emphasis. Her theme will be "The Tie that binds the Mississippi family."

Mrs. Martha Nelson, left, presents a copy of her latest book, "Police Wife — How to Live with the Law and Like It," to Mrs. Lavel Tullus, wife of the chief of police in Jackson. Mrs. Nelson is the wife of Rev. Carl Nelson, pastor of First Church, Pelahatchie. Seated behind the women are Police Chaplain J. H. Welborn, left, and Captain J. H. Booth, director of training.

Baptists' Role Helps Defeat Parimutuel Bill In Georgia

ATLANTA (BP) — Georgia Southern Baptists played a major role in the crushing defeat of a controversial parimutuel gambling proposal in the state's house of representatives, the associate editor of The Christian Index said here.

The Georgia house said no to House Bill (H.B.) 221, voting 133 to 37, which had it passed would have created a state racing com-

mission.

The bill was the object of a concerted effort by many religious and civic groups across the state led by spokesmen of the Georgia Baptist Convention and by The Christian Index, weekly news publication of Georgia Baptists.

"Baptists should be given the lion's share of credit in defeating the bill. They have provided the bulk of leadership and they have received the brunt of ridicule by pro-parimutuel members of the news media," said Robert LaFavre, associate editor of The Index.

Among Georgia Baptist leaders leading the fight against opposing H. B. 221 before the state's house of representatives were: Georgia Convention President James W. Waters, the pastor of Macon White Memorial Baptist Church; Louie D. Newton, a former Southern Baptist Convention president, a former editor of The Christian Index, and pastor emeritus of Druid Hills Baptist Church in Atlanta; and Dudley T. Pomeroy, the pastor of First Baptist Church in College Park.

The Index, under Editor Jack U. Harwell, gave heavy editorial support in opposition of the gambling bill. And strong public stands were taken against the proposal led by Searcy S. Garrison, executive secretary-treasurer of the Georgia Baptist Convention, Harwell, Waters, Pomeroy, and Newton, LaFavre said.

Baptists in Oklahoma helped to defeat a parimutuel proposal in late summer, 1974 by a 63,000 vote margin, in what was said to be one of the largest voter turnouts in the state's history. Texas Baptists combined their efforts in May, 1974 to help defeat a parimutuel proposal in that state.

Evangelistic Blitz Successful In Brazil

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil (BP) — Take over 600 miles of a new road through Brazil's interior. Add thousands of unevangelized settlers. Turn loose 100 Brazilian Baptists and you have Operational Transtotal, a direct evangelism project.

Operation Transtotal has resulted in more than 940 decisions for Christ while opening new areas for evangelism and preaching.

The recent 12-day witnessing effort along the Trans-Amazon Highway, saw 102 people visit more than 3,500 homes, take a religious census and proclaim the gospel. Each day, 16 teams of five to seven persons held at least one preaching service and sometimes as many as three or four a day. These were held in public school buildings, homes of the settlers or

ecumenical temples built by the government.

As a result of the evangelistic blitz, two missions were organized and 25 more are projected, according to Miss Roberta Hampton, Southern Baptist Missionary. She also said churches are scheduled to be organized in Rio de Janeiro, Rio de Janeiro, and in Agropolis Brasil Novo.

Brazilian home missionaries will be transferred to these places to work. In addition, three ladies have been assigned to work between Marilia and Itatiba, instructing new Christians and witnessing to others.

The Trans-Amazon Highway, a major road currently under construction, will run east-west across Brazil's Amazon region and is part of a government effort to move people into Brazil's interior.

Let's Table The Motion

By Joe W. Burton

What is the best disposition of the proposal to change the name of the Southern Baptist Convention? I propose that we simply withdraw from consideration: let it lie on the table.

First, because it is divisive. Debate produces division. This question sets section against section, party against party, person against person. Do we need that kind of conflict? Like we need the plague! Let's turn away from it, as we do from disruption of fellowship.

This question is disruptive. It diverts time and energy away from more important matters. A great Convention has before it Kingdom works which range the whole wide world. Let's not allow ourselves to quibble about terms.

Specifically, a responsible committee of able men has already been diverted from a much more important task. This committee was named to study the way we function through the Convention's Executive Committee. In a hasty moment, the proposed name change was added to that special committee's task. By now, withdrawing consideration of the proposal we can release that committee to do the specific and important work for which it was created.

The principal reason to table the motion is because we all need the strong support of a good name. In the family, the one who needs it most is the new baby — the

helpless little addition who gains at once identity and security by a good family heritage.

Brethren, ours is a glorious heritage. Let's not deny it, nor lose it in Miami. Let's quickly and quietly table this mischievous proposal. Isn't that what we should do?

Joint Service 1st Together In 100 Years

GREENVILLE, S. C. (BP) — A hundred years ago former slaves who worshipped with their masters at First Baptist Church here broke away to organize their own black Springfield Church.

The two congregations met together again recently for the first time in a century. It was Race Relations Sunday, an annual observance of Southern Baptists, and they held a joint service.

An estimated 900 persons, about half of them black, attended the evening worship service at First Church, where John Corbitt, the pastor of Springfield Church preached the sermon. Four choirs from the Springfield Church sang. Presiding was James C. Stertz, First Church pastor.

The offering that evening went to the Martin-Webb Learning Center in Greenville. The center promotes cooperative ministries among black and white Baptist church in the area.

Presidents Vote 'Hub' Role Seminary Extension Department

NASHVILLE (BP) — Presidents of the six Southern Baptist Convention-owned theological seminaries have voted to make the SBC's Seminary Extension Department the "hub" of information on all educational programs the seminaries are providing for pastors without seminary training.

Seminary Extension, which currently offers some 50 courses for home and extension center study, will become a clearing house to communicate information about non-degree, diploma type work offered by the six seminaries and by the Seminary Extension Department.

Also, the department will put renewed emphasis on conducting "selective cultivation" of individuals and groups of pastors and others who are prospects for seminary diploma programs or study with Seminary Extension.

Seminary Extension Department courses, he added, are designed of three levels—basic non-diploma, college-level and continuing education—which can reach persons ranging from an elementary school background to a Ph.D. and "encourage continuing educational growth that does not stop with a diploma or degree but continues throughout life."

Basis for the selective cultivation, said Raymond M. Rigidon, Extension Department director, is a recent study done by the SBC Education Commission and SBC Home Mission Board on the educational attainment of Southern Baptist pastors, which revealed, among other data, that 53 percent of Southern Baptist pastors do not

have seminary training.

"Although it doesn't give names of individuals, it shows where clusters of non-seminary-trained pastors are located and what their level of training is," Rigidon indicated.

He said the department, through a special information and consultation service, will reemphasize efforts to provide information about how to enroll in adult basic education programs, earn high school equivalency, secure a limited amount of college credits through Seminary Extension college-level courses or through College Level Entrance Placement (CLEP) examinations, combine Seminary Extension credits with seminary diploma programs and design a continuing education program using Seminary Extension and other resources.

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Is the Bible really as negative on the subject as some fundamentalist pamphleteers would have us believe? Do a few verses on such well-known temptresses as Eve, Bathsheba and Delilah really prove that all women must be kept in subjugation, lest they manage once more to engineer the fall of that upright creature, man? Do isolated quotations of Paul's anti-feminist statements prove that women are indeed second-class citizens?

I believe that only when one dares to appraise the entire ministry of Christ can question about Christian responsibility in the area of women's rights be answered. We can learn, I think, by what

Christ did not say and do concerning women? First, none of his teachings exclude women. From "Come unto me all ye that labor" to "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel" there are no sexist exclusions. Women are excluded neither from the promise of salvation nor from the call to service. Their talents are not mentioned as being less worthy than those of men, nor are their gifts less acceptable. Indeed, the widow's mite is praised as more blessed than the gifts of all the high-ranking males who made offerings in the synagogue that day.

Jesus once healed a woman on the Sabbath; her needs were considered as great as those of the men who were gathered there. He displayed no double standard in dealing with the woman taken in adultery, but rather asserted that only those without sin had any right to condemn her. None of his actions or teachings seem to indicate that he considered women as second-rate citizens of this world or of the Kingdom of God.

Furthermore, there is much to indicate that Christ thought women were capable of important tasks and of intelligent communication. With the woman at the well he discussed the nature of worship, not the joys of home cooking. When Martha complained of Mary's negligence in kitchen

matters, Jesus replied that "Mary (had) chosen the best part" by choosing to communicate with him on spiritual things. When Mary washed his feet with her tears and anointed them with costly perfume, he praised her superior insight and promised that "Wherever the gospel is preached throughout the whole world, this deed of hers (would) also be recounted. . . ." And when Christ rose from the grave and was ready to present himself to mankind, he appeared first to a woman, entrusting her with the awesome task of reporting his resurrection.

In view of all this, what, then, are we to assume is a woman's "place"? Far from indicating any prejudice against the female sex, an examination of the gospels reveals a primary tenet of Christ's teachings to be the importance of accepting all persons as persons. If we strive to live in the spirit of these teachings, we will not forget the personhood of women. That personhood carries with it the right to be free to love, to work, to worship as we feel led of Christ. It carries, also, the responsibility to become a full person, to develop our potentialities, to operate as our freedom in the truth allows. We should not feel bound to man-made laws of another era but should feel free in Christ to live life to the fullest.

All this does not mean loss of femininity, in the best sense of that word, but rather means the enhancement of total personhood. It means remembering that we, too,

can do all things through the Christ who strengthens us, through the Christ who gives us a beautiful example of accepting all humanity on the basis of personhood and of calling all humanity to the never-ending tasks of loving and becoming.

Construction has begun on the first unit of new buildings for the Baptist Theological Seminary at Alcobendas just outside Madrid, Spain.

The seminary, formerly located

in Barcelona, was moved to Madrid in 1971. Due to delays in arrangements for building, the seminary used facilities of Immanuel Baptist Church (English-language) and rented apartments.

Construction begins for Spanish Seminary

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Seminary director Gerald McNeely, a Southern Baptist missionary, anticipates that two floors of the three-story building now under construction will be ready in time to provide facilities for the seminary in the next semester which begins early in October.

This first unit will have classrooms, administrative offices, library and instructors' offices. The third floor, to be completed when funds are available, will provide dormitory space and efficiency apartments for married students.

A second unit, likewise dependent on financial resources to be made available later, will consist of a smaller one-story structure with chapel and conference facilities.

The Spanish Baptist Seminary trains pastors and other workers for churches of the Spanish Baptist Union. The three-year course of studies is similar to those of other such institutions in the U.S. and Europe.

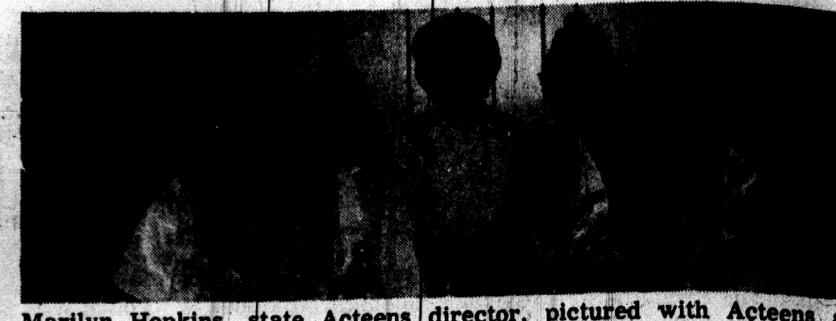
There are at present 23 students mostly married couples, including those enrolled in night classes.



Left to right, at the Blue Mountain Celebration: Mrs. Homer Joiner, Acteens director from Columbiana, Alabama; Marjean Patterson, executive secretary, Mississippi WMU; and Mrs. Lewis Myers, missionary to Vietnam.



Dr. Harold Fisher, president of Blue Mountain College, pictured with Acteens at the Celebration. Left to right: Laura Myers, MK, Vietnam; President Fisher; and Denice McKeown. Second row, 1 to r: Shirley Robertson, Martha Turner, and Donna Holton.



Marilyn Hopkins, state Acteens director, pictured with Acteens at Queens' Court, who have reached the rank of Service Aide—the highest rank in the Studiact program. Left to right: Jayn Lollar, East End, Columbus; Ginger Watson, Big Ridge, Biloxi; Miss Hopkins; Kathy Harris and Debbie Smith, both of Tinsley Church.

Acteens Gather For Queens' Court And Celebration

Acteens in Mississippi, under direction of Marilyn Hopkins, state Acteens director, continue to have activities planned especially for them. Queens' Court, the most recent Acteens activity, was for those who had reached the rank of Queen or above in Studiact, individual achievement plan for Acteens. Girls from all over the state came together at Camp Garaway.

In keeping with the theme for the weekend, "To Know Christ and Make Him Known," Acteens heard Rev. and Mrs. Bobby Hood tell about their work as missionaries in Argentina; and they also heard Rev. Holmes Carlisle, director of associational missions in Scott Association, tell about mission opportunities in the state.

Another topic of interest to Acteens—choosing a vocation—was presented as Mrs. Robert Smira, state WMU president, moderated a panel of young career women.

A special guest for Queens Court was Beverly Sutton, Acteens Consultant from WMU, BBC.

Birmingham. Miss Sutton helped the girls understand how they could come to know Christ better and also how they could share him with others as they participate in Acteens. Highlight of the weekend was a banquet.

Another activity held recently for Acteens was the Senior High Acteens Celebration at Blue Mountain College.

Acteens were urged to "Listen To Your World"—and to help them hear the sounds of the world. Mrs. Lewis Myers, missionary to Vietnam, told about some of her family's experiences.

Others participating were Mrs. Margaret Lay of New Albany, who led the Acteens in singing sessions and also directed a small group session for high school seniors about "After Acteens What?"—explaining the organization of Baptist Young Women.

Mrs. Homer Joiner of Columbiana, Alabama, helped Acteens members and leaders see the possibilities of helping others in the world through the Acteens organization.

WASHINGTON (BP)—Receipts for Baptist World Relief reached a record \$447,645 in 1974, according to Carl W. Tiller, coordinator of the relief program of the Baptist World Alliance (BWA).

The 1974 total is an increase of about \$200,000 over the 1973 giving of \$233,340 and the 1972 sum of \$266,363, Tiller said.

He attributed the record sum to three factors. Baptists now have "raised consciousness of the Christian ethic and responsibility toward those who are in great need," he noted. And Baptists are also giving more to countries not served by their own mission boards, he added.

"There is a growing conviction," Tiller continued, "that the Baptist World Alliance is a suitable, efficient, and effective instrument for getting help to the people who need it virtually anywhere in the world."

Columbia, S. C. Will Host FMB Appointment Service

RICHMOND — For the first time in history, South Carolina Baptists will host a special appointment service for new foreign missionaries as a part of the April meeting of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board. The service, expected to attract more than 10,000 persons, will be held in Columbia's Carolina Coliseum, April 8 at 7:15 p.m.

Baptists of Canada were the largest contributors to Baptist World Relief, with more than \$142,000. Churches of seven national Baptist bodies in the United States gave \$32,000. Baptists of Australia gave \$30,000; West Germany, \$28,000.

Expenditures for disaster relief were made in about 14 countries, for "fellowship" assistance in eastern Europe, "developmental" work in eight nations, and aid to churches in several countries. Administration and general costs taken from relief contributions were less than two percent of the total.

Tiller reported to the BWA Relief Committee that 1975 relief goals project a further increase in giving to \$380,300, with more spending emphasis on "developmental programs." Such programs aim to help people reach self-sufficiency in food production and earning their living.

However, famine in many nations could require greater emphasis than planned on the "disaster" goal of direct efforts in feeding the hungry, he said.

Numerous churches have reported plans to encourage their people to fast one meal a week, or to observe two meatless days a week, or other variations of a simpler life style. The subsequent savings is contributed to Baptist World Relief, Tiller noted.

Relief designations to the Alliance, Tiller said, are honored in their entirety. All money given for hunger relief or for aid in disasters goes strictly to the purposes designated by the donor.

Revival Dates

Springfield, Morton: March 21, 22, 23; Fri. and Sat., 7 p.m.; Sunday, regular time, 11 and 7; The Potter's Clay, evangelistic team from Clarke; Sat. night will feature the puppets from Madison; Rev. Ron Mercer, pastor.

First, Raleigh: "Loyalty to Christ Revival"; March 21-22-23; Bill Clark, Madison Church, singer; Dr. Robert H. Perry, pastor, evangelist; Fri. and Sat. at 7:30 p.m.; Sun. at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Crowder, March 23-28; Rev. Calvin Phelps, First, Winnfield, La., evangelist; Joe Meurrier, music-youth director, Crowder, singer; services at 10:30 and 8 daily; Rev. Truman D. Scarborough, pastor.

First, Carthage: March 23 - 27; Rev. Perry D. Neal, Montgomery, full-time evangelist, preaching; Tom Larrimore, music evangelist from Jackson, in charge of music, services during week at 10:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Don't Burn It; Frame It!

Churches have the practice of holding note burning ceremonies and actually burning notes which they have paid. This is a way of celebrating an achievement in the church.

But when this important document is burned all of the people of the church of the future will not have the opportunity of knowing directly about the event.

Rather than burn that note, frame it and put it in a church hall where people can see. —The Cumberland Presbyterian



Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Webb of North Hampton, England, pose above with William Carey College president, Dr. J. Ralph Noonkester, far right, as the trio talks of Dr. William Carey, for whom the school is named. Carey's portrait hangs in the newly decorated Board of Trustees room. The Webbs have a British estate in the area where Dr. Carey was born. (Photo by Ron Dyal)

High Court Hears Case On Aid To Parochial School

By W. Barry Garrett

WASHINGTON (BP) — Two powerful forces clashed at the U. S. Supreme Court here as a possible landmark case affecting future programs of public funds to aid church-related elementary and secondary schools was argued.

Two of the nation's top lawyers on church-state matters took op-

posite sides in a case involving two Pennsylvania laws that provide a number of aids to the parochial schools of the state. Leo Pfeffer, prominent New York attorney, who has figured in most recent major church-state cases before the Supreme Court, argued that the Pennsylvania laws violate the provisions of the First Amendment to the Constitution.

On the other side, William B. Ball, a Harrisburg, Pa., attorney, who has represented the parochial school interests in many law suits, argued that the aid provided by the State of Pennsylvania is secular (not religious) in purpose and effect, that the plan is self-politicizing and does not involve prohibited entanglement of church and state, and that the teachers employed in these special programs never take advantage of their positions to teach religion.

At issue in the case, known as Meek v. Pittenger are two laws, Act 194 and Act 195, enacted in 1972, which provide "auxiliary services," textbooks and instructional materials and equipment for pupils in the nonpublic schools of Pennsylvania.

The "auxiliary services" include help to nonpublic school children on the premises of the private schools in the areas of guidance, testing, remedial and such other secular, neutral and nonideological services as are provided for chil-

dren in public schools. Up to \$30 per child is allowed in this program.

The textbooks to be provided by the state for children in private schools are those that are acceptable for use in any public elementary or secondary school in Pennsylvania. Up to \$10 per child could be spent for textbooks.

The "instructional material and equipment" to nonpublic schools (up to \$25 per child) includes books, records, tapes, films and other secular neutral nonideological materials.

Pfeffer sought to prove that such aids to religious schools from public funds (1) have a sectarian purpose, (2) have a sectarian effect, (3) would involve an impermissible entanglement of church and state in their administration, and (4) would involve political entanglement of church and state when appropriations bills are before the legislature.

The case was argued before the Supreme Court at a time of distinct advantage for the parochial schools interests and of disadvantage to those who insist that public funds for parochial schools in any form violate the federal constitution.

Justice William O. Douglas recently suffered a stroke and did not participate in the case. Justice Thurgood Marshall was in the hospital with pneumonia. Both of these men have records of upholding a strict constitutional view of separation of church and state.

The absence of Douglas and Marshall could mean a 4-3 decision in favor of the parochial school interests and against the separationists. If this should occur, the door will have been opened for similar legislation in many states to provide such aids to private religious schools.

The Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, of which James E. Wood Jr. is executive director, late in 1974 joined a friend of the court brief with several other organizations seeking to overturn the decision of the lower court in Meek v. Pittenger. The view expressed in this brief was that the provisions of Acts 194 and 195 for state aid to parochial school pupils are in violation of the U. S. Constitution.

Uniquely involved with the history of Dr. William Carey of England are two recent visitors to the William Carey College campus in Hattiesburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Webb of North Hampton, England, found the Carey College campus a fitting and delightful memorial to the outstanding 18th century Baptist missionary-scholar who spent the greater part of his life in India. "I was baptized and married in the William Carey Baptist Church of Moulton, England," commented attractive Joy Webb.

"My mother, who is now 88, is the oldest living member of the church. William Carey, himself, was the pastor there before his call to India."

The Webbs, who live at Moulton Grange, a charming 200 year old English manor house in the midst of a 9-acre wooded area, were visiting in the Hattiesburg home of Marjorie Rowden, director of Public Relations at Carey College. Mrs. Rowden, who, along with her European tour party of 32 persons, was entertained at tea by the Webbs in 1968. Mr. Webb, recently retired shoe manufacturer, remarked with a smile, "Even my own profession of shoemaking is in line with that of William Carey."

who was, as you know, a cobbler." An unsuccessful candidate to Parliament several years ago, Mr. Webb has held a place of prominence in North Hampton religious, civic and political life.

Since their marriage 35 years ago, the Webbs have been members of the famous Philip Doddridge Church in North Hampton, but still maintain close family ties with the Carey Baptist Church. "Philip Doddridge, you know," added Mr. Webb, "was the famous non-conformist pastor of the congregationalist movement about 200 years ago. He was, like William Carey, a great scholar, preacher, and in addition, a hymnwriter of note. I believe one of his hymns has become very popular in your country, 'Oh Happy Day!'"

The Webbs, absorbed with the work of Dr. William Carey, their famous fellow Englishman, have also visited Serampore, India, where Serampore College, founded by Carey, is located.

TAEJON, Korea — According to Rolla M. Bradley, Southern Baptist missionary, the Korean Baptist Mission evangelism department made a total of 350,136 visits to five military centers in Korea in 1974.

A Lord's Supper Devotional

Business And Breaking Bread

By F. Russell Bennett, Jr., HMB

The observance of the Lord's Supper is an expression of and an encouragement to the fellowship of the local congregation. Many organizations find fellowship expressed in a common meal. The distinctive feature of this Supper lies in its memorial nature. Herein we recall that Jesus died for us. Out of love His body was broken. In compassion His blood was shed. "God commendeth His love to us in that while we were yet sinners,

yea, even our way of living, if needs be — for the sake of the Lord and His people."

Heed a parable. Four brothers inherited a farm. They pledged to each other to raise a crop. But after planting, one brother became too ill to labor. Another strayed off into irresponsible play. The other two brothers harvested the crop and sold it at market. Then the sick brother regained his health. He said, "You two did a poor job of harvesting." The playful brother said, "You did not get a good enough price for the harvest." What do you think of these two younger brothers? Yea, they were ungrateful whelps!

The business of a Baptist church belongs to every member. The

congregation, not just one or two officers, is responsible to God. Thus we have congregational polity. If one is too sick or irresponsible to attend the business sessions of his church, he should not be an ingrate. Never scorn the decisions of the fellowship. Be thankful that some are willing to carry the business load of the congregation. Those who attend to the business do the best they can. Those who neglect to bear their share need not be so ungrateful as to criticize the efforts of others who try.

Some neglect their fair share of the business load of the church because they do not like the tedious discussions that congregational rule requires. Surely that is a small enough price for free-

dom in Christ. Whoever said that Christ died in comfort on a feather mattress? Our fellowship stems from His cross. Then why expect a church life of ice cream and cookies? I do not deny that there is blessing in church membership; but there is also hard work for all in the family of the Lord's church. One is not justified in shirking work that needs to be done. Each member—young and old—has an obligation as a Baptist to attend and bear a fair share of the business load of the church.

Some members voice their opinions about decisions made at the business sessions of the congregation. The opinion of each member is important. But for those in Christ opinions may not be of greatest importance. When one forsakes self and the world for God's life of love, attitudes may be more important than opinions. "Be ye kind one to another." For the Christian it is not enough just to speak the truth. We are to speak the truth in love. If I cannot speak to a brother in kindness, perhaps I should not speak at all. The broken bread and the shared cup remind us that He gave His life for ours. It therefore behoves us to lay aside our self-seeking and act for the edification of our fellow church members. May His Supper remind us when we attend to church business, to remember the feelings of others. "Little children, let us love one another, for God is love."

Mississippi Newsbriefs

Just For The Record

East Bonneville (Prentiss Co.) has licensed Milton Outlaw, pictured, to the gospel ministry. Joe Herndon, his pastor, presented the certificate from the church.

Chesterville Church, Lee County recently called Tom Littlejohn as pastor. He is a native of Pontotoc and a graduate of Mississippi College. Before going to Chesterville, Mr. Littlejohn was pastor of Mt. Zion church in Webster County.

Pioneer Church, Weddvile, will hold an Easter Sunrise Service on March 30 at 7 a.m. Sunday School will follow the sunrise service. Rev. Houston Anglin is pastor.

Carmel Church, Monticello, Rev. Charles Guy, pastor, will observe homecoming March 30. The morning message will be brought by Rev. James Earl Drane, who is a product of our church and presently serving as director of missions of Choctaw and Zion Associations. Dinner will be served on the grounds with the afternoon given to singing and testimony. The following week will be one of revival with Rev. Curtis Williams of McComb as evangelist and James Dixon of McComb as singer.

Rev. Aaron W. Welch has accepted a call from Bethel Church near Ovett, to become pastor. Lowrey Creek Church ordains him on January 26, 1975. He is a graduate of William Carey and will receive the Master of Divinity degree from New Orleans Seminary in May. He is married to the former Jeanette Byrd of Laurel. They are parents of two daughters, Becky 18, and Pam 14, and two sons, Wes 16, and Allen 12.

Sermon: "Marriage Is God's Idea"

Fifteen Couples Repeat Wedding Vows At Siloam

Wedding decor was much in evidence on a recent Sunday morning at Siloam Church, Clay County.

Since the new sanctuary was built, 28 weddings have been solemnized there. Fifteen of these couples were in attendance for the special Sunday. All married couples present were given an opportunity to renew their wedding vows prior to the message, "Marriage is God's Ide" by Rev. Joe Senter, pastor.

Special recognition was given Mr. and Mrs. Henry Stafford who have been married 40% years, and to the most recently married couple, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Senter.

Candles for the ceremony were lighted by Greg Calder and Burt Parker. Traditional wedding mu-



Liberty Church, Rt. 1, Noxapater, recently called Rev. Alva Ray McCorkle as pastor. Mr. McCorkle goes to Liberty from Mt. Moriah Church of Bruce. He is a native of Houston, Ms.

Mr. McCorkle is a graduate of William Carey College and Southwestern Seminary.

He is married to the former Sandra Morgan of Hattiesburg. They have one child, Kelli, age 4.

"The Quiet Hour," the oldest religious radio program in the MidSouth, recently congratulated Rev. Ferrell Cork of Aberdeen, First Church, and Rev. Earl Exell of the Meadowood Church of Amory for being outstanding preachers of the year.

Rev. Bill Patton has accepted the pastorate of Arrowood Church, Meridian, and will assume duties there March 23, moving from Brewton, Ala.

Mr. Patton, native of Meridian, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Patton, Sr. He was ordained to the ministry by Mt. Horeb Church and was associate pastor at Westwood Church in 1967-68.

Other pastores have been at Quitman, Vernal, Utah, and Waynesboro. He is married to the former Linda Fay Gibson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Gibson. They are the parents of three daughters, Dawn, 10, Billy, 8, and Denia, 3. The family will live at 4827 14th Street, Meridian.

Philip Turner, Sunday School director, Pine Level, Greene announces that their Sunday School was 100% in attendance during the month of February, 1975. With an enrollment of 86 and an average attendance of 86 the high attendance Sunday was February 23 with 93 present.

The church has voted to buy three mobile homes to be used for classrooms. In September the Sunday School had 60 enrolled with an average attendance of 38.

In October the church began a bus ministry and visitation program. The bus brought four the first Sunday and now averages 20. A Children's Worship Service was begun in January.

Rev. Michael Rastberry is pastor.

Dr. Thomas G. Barnes, President, and Neal Cirlot, Chairman of the Board of the Mississippi Division, American Cancer Society, have expressed their appreciation to the family of the late Rev. Richard A. Windham, of Pontotoc County, who remembered the organization in his will.

Mr. Windham died July 13, 1974, of cancer. His wife, Frances Todd Windham, had preceded him in death — also of cancer. They had no children. He was 57 years old at the time of his death and was an employee of the school-bus terminal of the Pontotoc County Department of Education.

Mr. Windham had become a Baptist minister in his later years and, at the time of his death, was serving as pastor of Turnpike Baptist Church, Pontotoc County.

In addition to Dr. W. P. Davis, at least two other Mississippians appear on the front cover of the February issue of HOME MISSIONS. The middle picture of the third row is Mrs. Whitman (Viola) Johnson, member of Bethany Church, New Choctaw Association. Appearing in the middle photo of the bottom row of pictures is Mrs. Roy (Pamela) Smith, a member of the Bogue Chitto Church, also of the New Choctaw Association. Pamela is a student at Mississippi State University.

but not argue. It is a mark of superior mind to disagree and yet be friendly.

"7. Let your virtues speak for themselves, and refuse to talk of another's vices. Make it a rule to say nothing to another unless it is something good.

"8. Be careful of another's feelings. Wit and humor at the other fellow's expense are rarely worth the effort.

"9. Pay no attention to ill-natured remarks about you. Simply live that nobody will believe them. Disordered nerves and a bad digestion are a common cause of backbiting.

"10. Don't be too anxious about your dues. Do your work, be patient and keep your disposition sweet, forget self, and you will be rewarded."

Mr. Farrar faithfully taught God's word for 31 years in Children-IV Department. Mrs. Carl Bozeman is now director of this department.

The church has also received a check for \$1,000 in memory of Deacon Farrar to be used for local benevolence. Mr. Farrar served on the church Benevolence Committee for many years and before his death indicated his interest in such a project.

Some rules found in Mr. Farrar's Bible that he lived by are as follows:

"1. Keep skid chains on your tongue; always say less than you think. How you say it often counts more than what you say.

"2. Make promises sparingly and keep them faithfully no matter what it costs you.

"3. Never let an opportunity pass to say a kind and encouraging thing to or about somebody. Praise good work done, regardless of who did it. If criticism is needed, criticize helpfully, never spitefully.

"4. Be interested in others, interested in their pursuits, their welfare, their homes and families. Let everyone you meet, however humble, feel that you regard him as one of importance.

"5. Be cheerful. Keep the corners of your mouth turned up. Hide your pains, worries, and disappointments under a smile. Laugh at good stories and learn to tell them.

"6. Preserve an open mind on all debatable questions. Discuss,

Names In The News

William Carey College Senior, Mary Hayes Thomas, was presented in voice recital on Tuesday, March 4.

Charles Clark, associate professor of art at Blue Mountain College, was guest speaker for the Blue Mountain Thursday Study Club, during the February meeting in the home of Mrs. J. H. Guyton. Mr. Clark gave a talk on "GRANDMA MOSES." Mr. Clark has donated approximately \$8,000 worth of paintings to the University Baptist Church of Montevallo, Alabama, his hometown church.

Fred "Buster" Wilson has been added to the staff of Immanuel Church, Columbus. He

has served Richland Church of Plain, and has been in evangelism for the past year holding youth meetings throughout the state. As staff assistant at Immanuel, he will have responsibility of all Children's Worship activities. Because of a large bus ministry, Immanuel has 250 to 300 children every Sunday in Children's Worship. His other major responsibility will be in youth activities, including Youth Choir. Rev. Jerry E. File is pastor.

Rev. Robert Sugg, BSU director at Blue Mountain College, recently invited a group of personalities to the campus to present special lectures and to give their Christian testimonies. Above, left to right: Shirley Mohundro, 1971 graduate of BMC and former missionary journeyman to Kenya; Charles Baker, minister of evangelism, First Church, Jackson; Mr. Sugg; and Mrs. Mary Libby Payne, assistant to the attorney general of Mississippi. Miss Mohundro also addressed the local alumnae chapter at Blue Mountain.



Mr. and Mrs. Harold Walker are shown with their son Chip, daughter Missy, and baby Jennifer. Trinity Laurel honored their minister of music, Mr. Walker and his family, with a reception on the anniversary of their third year of service. Pastor Kenneth Leach presented an engraved silver tray and a suit of clothes from the Trinity members.



Rev. Mel Craft (right), pastor of First, Tylertown, talks with Dr. Landrum Leavell, president of New Orleans Seminary, during a coffee break at the seminary's annual Alumni Workshop. Craft, who heads the seminary's Mississippi alumni group, was one of 19 state presidents who convened on the campus Feb. 20-21 to plot plans for the 6,000-member NOBTS Alumni Association. (Photo by Joe Glaze)

Faye Pearson, missionary to Taiwan, has arrived in the States for furlough (address: 1113 Meadow Drive, Lake Charles, La. 70601). She is a native of Laurel.

Donald Ray Granholm has been licensed to the gospel ministry by Hebron Church, Grenada. A senior at Mississippi College, he is available for supply preaching, and can be contacted at the college.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Granholm, and twin brother, Ralph, live in Grenada. Rev. Marvin Hester is the Hebron pastor.

McLains Return

From Mission

Trip To Nigeria

Dr. and Mrs. Pat McLain of Vicksburg have recently returned from a mission trip to Eku, Nigeria. Their children, Mark and Melissa, and Mark's friend, Edward, accompanied them.

At the Baptist hospital in Eku, Dr. McLain, an eye surgeon, did as much surgery as he could, in the time they were in Africa (there are many cataracts in the area.) Mrs. McLain checked eyes and, with one of the staff physicians, helped to diagnose eye diseases. Mark and Edward made

glasses (found the proper lenses and fitted them into frames.)

Since a similar trip in 1974 (both trips were at their own expense and their services were given to the hospital), the McLains have been supporting a young Nigerian in school. The young man came twice to the hospital to see them. Dr. McLain took along the instruments and medication that he would need. Also the family took a complete speaking system with amplifier, some rechargeable batteries, a battery charger, two radios, a couple of tape players, vitamins, contact lenses for some MKs, embroidery thread, and several books. Melissa took three pounds of reading material for children.



Off The Record

The ship was sinking and the captain nervously passed out life belts. Suddenly he called, "Does anyone here know how to pray?" "I do!" eagerly volunteered a preacher among the passengers. "Thank goodness for you," sighed the captain. "We're short one life belt." — The California Southern Baptist

The college graduate returned home from his 35th class reunion in a very chastened mood. "My classmates," he informed his wife, "have all gotten so fat and bald they didn't even recognize me." — Funny Funny World.

On his first visit to the psychiatrist the nervous young man explained that his family made him seek help because he preferred cotton socks to woolen ones.

"That's no reason for you to see me," retorted the physician. "In fact, I myself prefer cotton socks."

"Really?" the happy patient exclaimed. "Do you like yours with oil and vinegar or just a squeeze of lemon?"

"When I was in the Army," said the veteran, "they used to wake us at four o'clock in the morning. The first thing I used to do was run out and shake a tree. I figured if I'm awake why should the birds sleep." — American Opinion

Face powder may win a husband but it takes baking powder to hold him.